

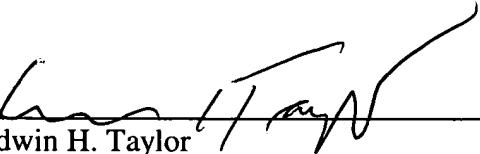
REMARK

Entry of the above-listed amendment prior to examination of the above-referenced case on the merits is respectfully requested. Claims 1-13 and 20-26 have been canceled. Claims 14-19 remain in the application. It is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been introduced by this preliminary amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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